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of Non-Muslim and Muslim Indian Leaders  
Toward Mau Mau.

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This letter, among other things,  
points out:

- a) The chronology of Mau Mau violence during April 1953 indicates a higher degree of tactical coordination, the use of better weapons, and the development of better weapons.
- b) There have been further indications of a possible spread of Mau Mau.
- c) The new organization to control the emergency appears to comprise "a vast and unjustified supervisory structure above the relatively few soldiers and police who wield the rifles and the stan guns" and "has failed to squelch unofficial European criticism of the handling of the emergency."
- d) Soldiers and police are exercising more restraint and more observance of legal restrictions than any experienced onlooker could reasonably expect.
- e) At the time of the arrest in Nairobi of fifteen alleged members of the Central Council of Mau Mau in late April, 1953, many important documents were seized, among which was one which was said to contain the following: "But there are many enemies and these must be outrotted before the big war begins. Let us take an oath that those who conducted the case of Jomo and those who put handcuffs on him shall be destroyed."
- f) Joseph A. Z. Murumbi, Secretary-General of the Kenya African Union, is in India probably to strengthen Afro-Indian sympathies and probably under the wing of Diwan Chaman Dal, (said to be a close friend of Nehru) the second member of Kenyatta's Defence Counsel at Kapenguria.

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- g) The Non-Muslim Indian elected members in the Kenya Legislation Council, and the leading Indian political organization in Kenya have disassociated themselves from the extreme pro-African position of the Indian government, but have denounced both the Europeans and Mau Mau.
- h) The Kenya Asiatic Muslim community has not attempted any kind of collaboration with African political leaders, and one of their leaders has appealed for a united front to give the government complete support in the overthrow of Mau Mau.

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